

since many Americans will attend houses of worship during that week to give thanksgiving.

As we gather to give thanks, let us remember that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4) When we try to live by bread alone, we nourish the body but starve the mind. Members of Congress are called upon to right wrongs and correct injustice. There is no better way for all of us to satisfy our hunger and thirst for justice than by "eating" the life-giving spiritual food found in the Bible. By "eating" the food of the Bible, I mean not just reading and studying the lessons found there, but to ponder those messages in our hearts and apply them to our own lives. John Quincy Adams, our sixth President, said, "For years I have read the Bible through once a year. I read it every morning, as the very best way to begin the day."

We are all very busy people. Many of us think we do not have time to read the Bible every day. D. L. Moody once answered this common excuse by saying, "My friend, if you are too busy to read the Bible every day you are busier than Almighty God ever intended any human being should be and you had better let some things go and take time to read the Bible."

The Bible has always been more than a doctrinal source book or a compendium of theological beliefs. People have turned to it time and time again for comfort, encouragement, guidance and direction. I have my Bible on my desk. Woodrow Wilson, our twenty-eighth President, said, "I am sorry for the men who do not read the Bible every day. I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and of the pleasure."

Read the Bible. Study the Bible. Ponder the messages contained in the Bible. By doing this you will learn of God's will for your life. Apply those message to your life and you will learn that there is salvation, there is forgiveness of sins and there is the hope of eternal life in the presence of God.●

#### CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF JOAN C. EDWARDS

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the philanthropy of one of West Virginia's most celebrated adopted daughters. Later this month at a formal naming ceremony, the Marshall University School of Medicine in Huntington, West Virginia, will be renamed the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University. It gives me great honor to come to the floor today to be able to share Joan Edwards' remarkable story with the nation.

Born in London, England, Joan's family moved to New Orleans when she was only four years old. At the age of 17, Joan set off to tour the nation singing the "Sugar Blues" with Clyde McCoy and his Kentucky band. As a

young girl, Joan's singing career brought her to Chicago, New York, and Pittsburgh, among other cities, where she met her future husband and Huntington, West Virginia native, James "Jim" Edwards. Joan and Jim were married soon after, and lived in Pittsburgh prior to returning to Huntington to work at the Edwards' family business, National Mattress Company. Together, Jim and Joan would build the family's business into a great American success story and were also able to take up their passion of breeding racehorses.

In 1991, after 54 years of marriage, Jim Edwards lost his battle with cancer. Shortly thereafter, Joan Edwards announced that she would present a total of over \$20 million in contributions to the Huntington community from their estate. This included \$1 million to the Marshall University School of Medicine, \$1 million to the Huntington Museum of Art, \$2 million to the Episcopal Church, and \$16 million to the Cabell Huntington Hospital for the construction of an adult cancer center.

This story in and of itself is remarkable, but Joan Edwards' charity goes even beyond that. Since that time, Joan has donated an additional \$1 million to the Fine and Performing Arts Center at Marshall and \$2 million to address the University's most pressing needs. And Joan Edwards has not stopped there. She has raised the bar even further. Having lost both her husband and son to cancer, Joan has bequeathed an additional \$16 million to the Marshall University Medical School with an additional \$2 million dedicated toward preliminary planning, design, and development for the creation of a children's cancer center.

It is indeed fitting that Marshall University will bestow a great honor upon Mrs. Edwards, formally renaming its Medical School the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University. I would also like to point out that only one-third of all of the medical schools in the nation are named after a benefactor. Of these institutions, Marshall University's School of Medicine will be the first in the nation named after a woman. This is such a fitting tribute for such an amazing woman.

Joan has demonstrated the true meaning of philanthropy. Her active engagement in academics, the arts, athletics, and health care has impacted the lives of countless people in West Virginia and across the country, serving as an inspiration to us all. She has done more for the foundation of the community than most people would ever be able to do, and we are fortunate to have her as part of the fabric of West Virginia. I thank Joan for all of her selfless acts, and as we celebrate this honor, I am reminded of how proud I am that she is a fellow West Virginian.●

#### RECOGNITION OF LINDSAY BENKO, OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a remarkable young athlete from the great state of Indiana.

Yesterday, Americans watched with pride as 23 year-old Lindsay Benko and her teammates captured the gold medal in the 4x200 freestyle swim relay. The team did it in style, setting an Olympic record with their time of 7:57.80.

With that victory, Lindsay became the first Hoosier to win a medal at the 2000 Summer Olympic games in Sydney, Australia.

Lindsay hails from Elkhart, Indiana, a small town in the shadow of Notre Dame's famous golden dome. In a town where football rules, today it is Lindsay Benko who has captured the headlines and inspired pride in Elkhart and South Bend.

Like so many other Olympic athletes, Lindsay has been preparing for her Olympic moment since she was very young, in fact, she has been swimming competitively since she was eight years old. Lindsay has dedicated her life to a sport she loves, and worked hard to be among the best. As early as her freshman year at Elkhart Central High School, she was a state champion. In high school, she won a total of eleven state titles, four in the 100 meter freestyle, four in the 200 meter freestyle, and three in the 400 meter freestyle relay. After graduation, Lindsay took her competitive fire and winning Hoosier spirit to the University of Southern California, where she won a total of five NCAA individual titles.

Yesterday, Lindsay conquered her sport at a new level. She can now be called a world-class athlete and a world champion, but we will continue to proudly claim her as our own in the state of Indiana.

Mr. President, I join my friends in Elkhart, South Bend and across Indiana in congratulating Lindsay Benko for her outstanding accomplishment, and wishing the best of luck to all of our nation's Olympic athletes as they compete in the 2000 Summer Olympic Games.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by